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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE REGARDING AMBASSADOR ATHERTON'S
MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS AT NATO

REF: USNATO 6806

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1. NATO REGULARLY ISSUES A PRESS RELEASE AFTER
AN IMPORTANT CONSULTATION. IN THIS CONNECTION,
WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NATO'S PRESS OFFICE AND
SECRETARY LUNS' PRIVATE OFFICE REGARDING A TEXT
FOR LUNS TO PROPOSE TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
AT CLOSE OF THE JULY 21 MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATION.
WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

BEGIN TEXT: A CONSULTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS
HELD TODAY BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS.
UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR.,
BRIEFED THE COUNCIL IN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. AMBASSADOR
ATHERTON CAME TO BRUSSELS FROM LONDON, AFTER ATTENDING
THE MEETINGS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE
AND THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTERS.
END TEXT.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF FOREGOING OR MODIFIED
WORDING FOR LUNS TO PUT FORWARD ON JULY 21.

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, JULY 21 CONSULTATIONS
HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AS A "PRIVATE" MEETING OF
AMBASSADORS. THEREFORE, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT

FRENCH OR OTHER PERM REP MAY REQUEST ON JULY 21
THAT PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE REFLECT "PRIVATE"
NATURE OF MEETING. LUNS' OFFICE POINTS OUT, HOWEVER,
THAT ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE SOMEWHAT LARGER
THAN NORMAL FOR A "PRIVATE" MEETING AND, THEREFORE,
CONSIDERS ABOVE WORDING QUITE APPROPRIATE. MAY ALSO
BE NOTED THAT MEETING'S VENUE HAS BEEN SHIFTED
FROM LUNS PRIVATE CONFERENCE ROOM TO CONFERENCE ROOM 2
WHERE THERE IS MORE SPACE AND WHERE SIMULTANEOUS
TRANSLATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. END COMMENT.
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